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"A Hundred Million Miracles"

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My father says
That children keep growing
Rivers keep flowing too
My father says
He doesn't know why
But somehow or other they do
They do
Some how or other they do

A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
Are happ'ning ev'ry day
And those who say
They don't agree
Are those
Who do not hear or see
A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
Are happ'ning ev'ry day

Miracle of changing weather
When a dark blue curtain
Is pinned by the stars
Pinned by the stars to the sky
Ev'ry flow'r
And tree is a treat to see
The air is very clean and dry

Then a wind comes blowing
The pins all away
Night is confused and upset
The sky falls down
Like a clumsy clown
The flowers
And the trees get wet
Very wet

A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
Are happ'ning ev'ry day
And when the wind
Shall turn his face

The pins
Are put right back in place
A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
Are happ'ning ev'ry day

In ev'ry single minute
So much is going on
Along the Yangtse Kiang
Or the Tiber or the Don
A hundred million miracles

A swallow in Tasmania
Is sitting on her eggs
And suddenly
Those eggs have wings
And eyes and beaks and legs
A hundred million miracles

A little girl in Chungking
Just thirty inches tall
Decides that she
Will try to walk
And nearly doesn't fall
A hundred million miracles

A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
A hundred million miracles
Are happ'ning ev'ry day

My father says the sun
Will keep rising over
The eastern hill
My father says
He doesn't know
Why but somehow
Or other it will
It will
Somehow or other it will

Miracle of making music
When an idle poet
Puts words on a page
Writes on a page
With his brush
A musical friend
Writes the notes to blend
Suggested
By an idle thrush

Then a young soprano
Reads what they wrote
Learns every note
Every word
Puts all they wrote
In her lovely throat
And suddenly
A song is heard
Very pretty

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